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PORT INSTALLATIONS AT RIGA

I. - ARSENAL -

a) The Arsenal of Riga seems to be ^{confined} ~~contained~~ between the port of DUNA-MUNDE and the winter port, to the right upon entering by the river - The winter port seems to be fairly deep, especially to the east and to the north.

Observed

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- to the east, one large transport
- to the north, one floating dock with about a 1,500-ton capacity
- a number of small war ships
- all around these docks a number of observation posts - towers - miscellaneous buildings and barracks
- opposite (to the east of the river) 2 ^{antiaircraft} batteries of 8 cannon each ^{caliber} (estimated 75 to 100 millimeter). One of them, at the edge of the sea, close to the foundations of the east jetty; the other, one mile to the southeast behind the trees - each of these batteries is equipped with a searchlight - the first seems to be armed and ^{heavily} ~~adequately~~ guarded.

2. - COMMERCIAL PORT -a) Myulkraben Branch (Shipyards) observed:

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- 2 large cranes, very high
- 2 smaller cranes, also very high
- another crane, very large, shorter, but apparently of heavy capacity
- nearby, in the west - one floating dock for ships of 5,000-6,000 tons and several berths for ships under repair or construction.

b) Haven - Coal and Export Pier

- 18 cranes of different types (on the edge of the quay), ^{of which} several are ^{au} with regular-gauge rails, and 2 others in construction, farther to the north, each of different types.

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- 5 other cranes, set back from the quay; used for cargo handling, plus 2 in construction farther to the north.
- 2 other small cranes which seemed to be rather old
- ^{railroad} some cars painted brown have also been seen on this quay, some of which have radial trucks and an unusual coupling method. It may be that the tracks and the cars are Soviet gauge, especially since the coal exported comes from the Donetz.
- other cars of the German type with regular gauge, painted in light green, have also been noticed.

NOTE: These quays are in very good condition, and [redacted]

[redacted] the depth of the water along the quay is from ^{to} 7⁸ meters.

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c) Hastebank

At about a half mile to the north of the fishing port of RINUSH, [redacted]

[redacted] noticed a dock in construction - The quay was started on the south (sheet pilings with a concrete crown on which bollards were imbedded).

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- one pil^e-driver and one small bucket dredge are used in the construction work.

d) ANDREASHOLM PIER

- Pier in very bad condition - buildings set on piles.
- one large brick building (grain elevator or warehouse) is set back from the pier.
- unloading of the ships is done with closed chutes set on frames leading up to the ships,

e) Western branch facing the Export Pier

- there is probably a ship repair yard.
- several ships have been noticed there, one large pontoon crane (130 tons, approximately) - 2 other smaller pontoons and 2 or 3 ^{of} 25-ton capacity mentioned in the nautical guide.
- none of the cranes, ashore or afloat, has any indication of its capacity (those ashore might be from 3 to 15 tons).

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- 2 or 3 tugboats of about 500 horsepower and several small ones of small tonnage.
- a number of river barges with shallow draught, some of them very large and intended solely for open-boat transportation.
- 2 suction dredges, one of them, modern, self-propelled, the other an archaic force-pump.

- f) [] one chemical products factory north-northeast of the city - 2 fair-sized radio towers to the north, and 2 very large towers east-northeast.

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1. [redacted] observed a naval vessel in Riga harbor across from the airfield. Outwards bound. Description: One stack, a mast, [redacted] length 50-60 m. Flush deck. One gun in shield on the fore deck, a smaller one abaft. Anti-aircraft gun between the aftermost gun and the stack. Radar on top of the mast. No torpedoes. (See the sketch.)
2. [redacted] 3 twin-engine passengers planes were observed on Riga airfield. [redacted] there was also a single-engine training plane on the field. No MIG fighters were seen in that area.

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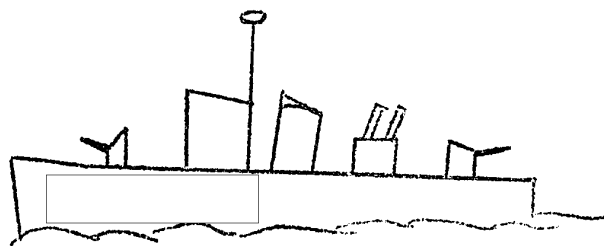
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